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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Peter Wagner

Application No.: 09/966,571

Filed: September 26, 2001

Arrays Devices and Methods of use For:

Thereof

Examiner: Yang, Nelson C.

Art Unit: 1641

Confirmation No. 5686

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, the Examiner restricts the claims into two Groups, Group I (claims 1-6) and Group II (claims 7-8).

In response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to array device for use in analyzing molecular events between biomolecules and analytes, for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

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An Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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